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SUBJECT: GOS REQUEST FOR PX AND COMMISARY PRIVILEGES
FOR ROC PERSONNEL

REF: MADRID 1961

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO USE OF EMBASSY PX
FACILITY BY ROC COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL OFFICE PERSONNEL
AS PROPOSED PARA 3 REFTEL.

2. DOD HAS PROBLEMS WITH GRANTING SIMILAR PRIVILEGES
FOR USE OF PX AND COMMISSARY FACILITIES AT TORREJON.
WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT IT MAY BE POLITICALLY DESIRABLE
TO ACCOMMODATE THE GOS REQUEST AND AT THE SAME TIME
ASSIST OUR DIPLOMATICALLY DISPOSSESSED ROC FRIENDS,
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DEFENSE POINTS OUT THAT:

A. THERE ARE BOTH PROPRIETARY AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH INHIBIT USE OF DOD RESALE FACILITIES BY NON- U. S. PERSONNEL. IN THE CASE OF COMMISSARY STORES, APPROPRIATED FUNDS ARE USED TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE STORES AND TO TRANSPORT THE MERCHANDISE. ACCORDINGLY, AND IN ORDER TO DEFEND OUR POSITION ON THE HILL, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DEVISE A FORMULA WHEREUNDER USE OF OUR FACILITIES BY ROC OFFICIALS WOULD BE AT NO COST TO THE U. S. TAXPAYER. THIS WOULD APPLY TO PROCESSING AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES AS WELL AS TO MERCHANDISE COSTS.

LT POSITION WITH SAG CABINET, A POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT OF ESCHER IN THAT HE WAS GETTING TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT AND CONSEQUENTLY CABINET WAS PULLING HIM BACK. THIS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WITHOUT CONSTANT REFERRAL TO CABINET.

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